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CLAIMS

1. A solid composition comprising oil core aphrons dispersed in a solid surfactant.

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2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the surfactant comprises at least one soap.

10 3. A composition according to claim 2 wherein the soap is a vegetable based soap or an alkali metal salt of a fatty acid containing 12 to 18 carbon atoms in the fatty chain.

15 4. A composition according to claim 3 wherein the soap is sodium stearate.

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5. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the surfactant comprises at least one synthetic surfactant.

20 6. A composition according to claim 5 wherein the synthetic surfactant is sodium cocoate, sodium tallowate, sodium palm kernelate, sodium palmitate, triethanolamine stearate, sodium cocoyl isethionate, sodium isethionate, sodium dodecyl benzene sulfonate, sodium cocoglyceryl ether sulfonate or a mixture thereof.

25 7. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which comprises 0.1 to 20 wt% of the oil core aphrons.

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8. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which also comprises water and/or an alcohol.

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9. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which also comprises a glycol.

5 10. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the oil core comprises an oil, ester or other water insoluble liquid or a mixture thereof which confers an emollient, moisturising, cleansing, conditioning or other cosmetic, personal care or pharmaceutical benefit to the
10 skin, hair or a fabric.

11. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the oil core comprises a fragrance, a colourant, a natural or synthetic therapeutic agent, a skin conditioner, an anti-bacterial or anti-fungal agent, a pest control agent or a physiologically active, oil-soluble component.
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12. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which further comprises at least one of a further surfactant, a fragrance, a colourant, a natural or synthetic therapeutic agent, a skin conditioner, a moisturiser, an anti-bacterial or anti-fungal agent, an opacifier, an oil or fat, a sugar, a pH adjuster, a pigment, a foam builder or a
25 pest control agent.

13. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which is in the form of a stick, tablet, bar or granules.

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14. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which is a cosmetic, toiletry, household or pharmaceutical product.

5 15. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which is a soap or a syndet bar, a combar, a deodorant, an antiperspirant stick or a stain remover.

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